



Fifth Northern Regional Social Science Congress at Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur

ICSSR- Northern Regional Centre, New Delhi, in collaboration with Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, is organizing the Fifth Northern Regional Social Science Congress at Udaipur from **24th -26th February 2017**.

Important Dates:

Date of Congress: **24th -26th February, 2017**

Venue: **Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur**

Last date for submission of abstract (word limit: 300 in PDF format): **16th November 2016**

Short list by **30th November 2016**

Last date for submission of full-length paper (word limit: 3000-5000): **15th January, 2017**

Themes for the Congress

1. **Resources, Infrastructure and Social Disparities-** This theme will focus on spatial distribution and evaluation of resources in terms of both quality and quantity, infrastructural requirements for sustainable development, and the resultant socio-economic disparities.
2. **Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change-** This theme will focus on the various developmental processes and their environmental fallouts; climate change as a process and consequence of development; climate change and changing economies.
3. **Demographic Change and Rural - Urban linkages-** The theme will deal with the trends and patterns of population growth and distribution, emerging challenges, and sustainable rural and urban planning.
4. **Economic Policies and Priorities-** Processes involved in the making of economic policy in terms of the salience of social science research and the actors involved in a federal structure in the era of globalization. Relative roles of the state *vis a vis* the market, the efficacy of fiscal policy in contrast to the monetary policy in engineering growth with high potential for employment generation and low inflation to realize the objective of broad-based development.

5. **Media, Culture and society**- The role of media in different walks of life and its interplay with culture and society will form the substance of this theme.
6. **Elections, Party Politics and Local Self Government**- The theme will focus on the emerging scenario in the post-Congress polity; contest between national and regional political parties; the functioning of institutions of local self-governance in rural and urban India; interplay between formal and informal/traditional local governance institutions
7. **Popular Mobilizations, Movements and Civil Society**- In contemporary society people organize and articulate demands and dissent in many different ways. This theme will examine various forms of mobilizations in order to understand how they relate and contribute to the making of a democratic ethos.
8. **India and the World** – Multilateralism and Indian foreign policy; India and South Asia; India and East Asia; Diaspora as a factor in Indian foreign policy; India and the west; continuity and change in Indian foreign policy
9. **Social, Cultural and Religious Identities**- This theme will focus on the challenges which have emerged from social differences and the manner in which state and society have sought to address these challenges; issues of multiculturalism and a plural society

Participation of scholars from the Northern Region—National Capital Territory Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Rajasthan is solicited. Only selected papers will be presented at the Congress. Paper presenters will be paid 3AC train fare if they are not able to mobilize funds from their parent institution. All participants would be provided local hospitality.

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